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EDITORIAL

Sarah Brookes | May Editor

Four generations of Sarah's family have called Darlington home. Her British grandmother Barbara Brookes fell in love with the village which reminded her of an English town. Her other nanna Beryl Roberts raised her clan of eight children in Darlington in the 60s and 70s living independently on her property until she passed away in 2022. During the week Sarah is an award winning journalist who has written for The Hills Gazette, Echo Newspaper, The West Australian and The Sunday Times. She currently works for Nine, writing for WAtoday, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age mastheads.

Why it's time to deck the halls with air conditioning

In this era of global boiling is it time for the Shire to put air conditioning in the halls? In January when dance classes resumed with the Darlington Disco we were greeted with a wall of heat even in the evening. On the last day of January it was still 40 degrees at 6.30pm making for a very sweaty group of dance fanatics.

The record heat continued into February with the city breaking its record for the most days hotter than 40 degrees as the city sweltered through three heatwaves in a matter of weeks. And in the eastern suburbs in the hills, despite our leafy surroundings, it's often a few degrees warmer with no relief courtesy of the sea breeze.

Darlington Disco founder Clare Mason said those who attended her classes regularly stayed away when it was stifling hot and she had been forced to cancel classes for safety reasons.

"I'd say we get a third of the normal class when it's hot," she said.

The stage doesn't have fans and there isn't a stand-up fan consistently available from the shire, I have to bring my own, so it's hard even running the class when it's hot.

"I've had older clients tell me they switched to the Zumba classes in Kalamunda because their hall is air conditioned."

Clare said there was scope for the halls in our Shire to become self-sufficient by installing solar panels and batteries.

"Imagine if the halls were self-sufficient little units – harvesting energy during the day for use at night," she said.

"Heating is not an issue for us in winter as everyone starts to move and warms up - power generated over the cooler months could feed back into the grid and provide credits for the shire."

Shire of Mundaring chief executive Jason Whiteaker said the Shire had engaged consultants to investigate energy efficient air conditioning options for the Darlington Hall, Wooroloo Hall and the Bruce Douglas Pavilion which would be considered in future budget deliberations.

"The building construction types of many of our community assets are a product of their time and present challenges for efficient heating and cooling," he said.

"Part of this challenge will be to balance the heating and cooling requirements of our facilities with our commitment to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions."

Currently the Chidlow and Mahogany Creek halls have air conditioning.

Autobesity: Suburban tanks ruin the road

The suspicious looking white ute that has been the butt of jokes in Darlington for many years now looks to be endangered with an increasing number of Teslas and yank tanks becoming an everyday reality on our windy and narrow streets. From the park to the school pick up, our suburb's growing case of autobesity is plainly evident with these bloated beasts occupying more than their fair share of the road and poking out of parking spots that were never designed for such excessiveness.

The majority of complaints about these fuel thirsty cars centre around their inconveniently large footprints which are often hauling a huge ego rather than a large load.

Some commentators have labelled these monster trucks as unsafe for pedestrians, particularly children as well as motorists driving smaller cars. As someone who drove a small hatchback for two decades these large cars are intimidating and often obstructed my view on the road. The shape and huge mass of these suburban tanks also means that when they are involved in an accident, it's much more likely to be a deadly one.

Do people really need a three tonne vehicle for the school run?

Is it time the government started taxing these vehicles as a disincentive and Perth councils, especially those closer to the CBD, looked at implementing a Paris-style parking tax on super-sized SUVs like the RAM 1500 and Land Rover Defender, which have exploded in popularity in Australia in recent years?

On ya bike

Huckvale family on Cargo E Bike

New Darlington residents Guy and Beatrice Huckvale and their children Millie and Dougie are attracting attention around the village with their Yuba electric cargo bike.

The couple moved from Canada to the neighbourhood two months ago and Beatrice uses the bike as a second car and cycles the kids to Darlington Primary each morning.

Beatrice who lives on Hillsden Road admits she wouldn't be doing the run without an e-bike, plus it helps that they live on the lower part of Hillsden.

"It solves the parking problem when taking the kids to school and they just love it," she said.

Since the pandemic it certainly appears there are more cars on the move during school drop off and pick up. On Thursdays, the one day I pick my teenager up from school in Glen Forrest, one needs to factor in extra time to navigate the line-up of cars waiting to access the Darlington Primary School loop which spills over onto Glen Road.

When I head up Ryecroft it's a similar bottleneck with parents parking their cars half on the kerb, half on the road waiting to access the Helena College junior school loop. Since the onset of the pandemic enrolments at Darlington Primary School have fallen significantly, from 355 in 2020 to 315 in 2023. So why all the extra cars?

FOGO is coming in July

After decades battling for solutions to deal with the incessant leaves and green waste a Hills block generates, I can't wait for the delivery of our new third FOGO bin.

Shire of Mundaring residents will see the third bin service introduced to their waste services from July 1, 2024.

In this month's column Deputy Shire President Trish Cook said the introduction of the food scraps and green waste bin by the state government is part of mandatory changes to reduce 75 percent of landfill in Greater Perth.

While some ratepayers have been quick to question the cost of the third bin, Cook said grant funding had been provided for the Shire's FOGO program to be rolled out.

"Our waste bin audit revealed that 50 percent of our waste is organic material," she said.

"When FOGO materials are buried in landfill and have no oxygen it emits methane, but when recycled into compost it dramatically reduces the methane output.

Methane is 25 times more harmful as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. As well as reducing our environmental gas emissions by reducing our landfill waste, it will save us landfill waste gate fees for which the price per tonne continues to climb."

FOGO will see residents get a new bright green lid bin (240 litres) collected weekly for food and garden scraps to be turned into compost at Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

The smaller waste bin, currently dark green lid, will remain and become a red lid bin (140 litres). Collection will change from weekly to fortnightly. There will be a compassionate policy for those households with extenuating circumstances.

The yellow top recycling bin (240 litres) will continue as a fortnightly collection. Ratepayers will also be given a kitchen caddy.

Other residents have complained that they don't need the new bin because they already have a compost bin, bokashi bin or worm farm but the Shire has stated that it is not an option to opt out of the third bin.

The Shire will be undertaking bin audits and bin tags to ensure households are using their bins correctly.

FOGO seminars will run throughout May and June – check the Shire website mundaring.wa.gov.au.

BYO book:
Welcome to introvert happy hour

Many of you will know Darlington Post Office's uber-friendly postie Abdul-Raouf Mohamed-Isa. Known for his cheeky smile, kindest of dispositions and fondness for the dogs of Darlington, Abdul has recently started the Perth Hills chapter of the Silent Book Club.

The club, sometimes referred to as the introvert's happy hour, is a global community of readers and introverts, with more than 500 chapters in 50 countries around the world led by local volunteers.

Members gather in public at parks, cafes, bookstores, libraries, and online to read together in quiet camaraderie.

The idea started in San Francisco in 2012 with a couple of friends—Guinevere de la Mare and Laura Gluhanich—reading in companionable silence at a neighbourhood bar. The pair loved books, and reading with friends, but most of their previous attempts at book clubs had fizzled out.

Often with traditional book clubs there's the scramble to finish the selected book, and the pressure to have something smart to say. These friends thought wouldn't it be great to have a book club where you could just enjoy books and friends without any homework?

Abdul said he started the Perth Hills chapter because he remembered how much he loved reading as a child and wanted to get into the habit of doing it more regularly.

"I was also inspired by a friend on the Sunshine Coast who started the third chapter in Australia," he said.

"There was another silent book club in Perth but I wanted something closer to home.

I liked the idea of reading, or listening to, whatever you chose, rather than everyone having the same book.

"It meant there was a chance someone would be reading something you would never have thought of."

Abdul, who is currently reading When The Body Says No by Gabor Maté, said friends had mentioned to him how they couldn't find the time to read and he thought if they started with one hour a month the habit would grow from there.

"After our first meetup in March a few people said it was just what they needed," he said.

"Having that time set aside to get away from the hustle and bustle of life."

I'll be popping along to the next one in an attempt to finish American writer Hanya Yanagihara's lengthy tome A Little Life. I started reading this critically acclaimed masterpiece in October and still have 100 odd pages left with the difficult (frankly depressing) subject matter making it a hard slog.

The Perth Hills Silent Book Club meets once a month on the weekend. Locations vary but are usually within 10 minutes of Midland. For more information head to https://silentbook.club/blogs/events/perth-hills-western-australia

Perth Hills Silent Book Club held its first catch up at a local park.

Colourful local Bird hits the airwaves

Unstoppable local personality Kate Bird has been helping people find their personal style for many years and now she has launched a podcast.

The Colour Me Kate founder has been chatting to inspiring middle-aged, menopausal women who share their mid-life achievements and personal behind-closed-door stories whilst also taking a look at how their personal style has evolved along the way.

"For more than a decade I've helped women to feel good about how they look in the clothes they wear - and then go forth to reclaim their identity," she said.

"I am also a menopausal, middle-aged woman, and I reckon that this can be the best time of our lives.

The stories on this podcast will inspire other mid-life women who feel they've lost their identity and that they no longer have much to offer the world. These stories reveal the exact opposite to be true. It's time to throw off our invisibility cloak and start talking."

Among the guests are Karen Beale (52) who has been nominated as the Labor candidate to represent Kalamunda and surrounding Perth Hills areas in the 2025 State Elections when Matthew Hughes retires.

A fourth generation Perth Hills girl, Karen grew up clearly understanding that expectations of her were to get married, have children and look after her family.

So that's how Karen's life began: she married at 20, then again at 25 and again at 44 - all whilst raising three children.

Karen found herself a single mother with a toddler and six-month old, with not even enough money to buy nappies.

To listen to Karen's story and more search the Colour Me Kate podcast on Apple or Spotify.

Let's get loud

The long awaited NoiseBin sculpture has been dragged out of its shed and was installed last month at the Darlington Pavillion. A big shout out to the team including Kevin Norris, Gus Skene, Graeme Gordon and Ian Crawford.

The NoiseBin came out of work by 50 young Darlington people participating in community design workshops in 2021 and 2022. They were interested in building a Containers for Change deposit bin to encourage good recycling habits and something that visitors could interact with.

These designers imagined an exciting, interactive bin that would reduce litter and encourage recycling.

They were inspired by the world's deepest rubbish bin in Sweden, built for the 1990s' Rolighetsteorin (Fun Theory) campaign by Volkswagen.

In the video, playing a simple sound effect catches the attention of people around the bin, resulting in less litter.

The group is now on the hunt for an organisation to take on the actual operations and reap the rewards from the container receptacle proceeds.

I smell smoke:

Darlington's community Facebook group can be a hotbed of dysfunction but for waggish pot stirrer Neil Wakeford it's been the catalyst for lifelong friendships

If you want to see one of the worst parts of any suburb you often don't need to look much further than the local community Facebook page. It starts off fairly innocuously. Lost dogs. Spare sprigs of thyme. Does anyone know where I can get my washing machine/lawn mower/vacuum/oven fixed? A plumber? Call outs for babysitters, pet sitters, chicken feeders. The list is endlessly, potentially helpful.

Invariably there's a Mrs Mangle or Esme Watson or three, no longer content peering out their window to monitor the happenings on in the neighbourhood they jump on Facebook to dob in their neighbours and local hooligans.

But then as these groups grow invariably so does the frequency and toxicity of posts and comments. A request if anyone has seen their missing cat turns into a neighbourhood war of words on why said cat was outside in the first place and whether they should be booted from the burbs. Hooning vehicles. Defaming local businesses. Arguing the perceived health risks of mobile phone towers. It becomes an online town square of disgruntlement.

And in the process these groups can lose their original soul and purpose and force members to develop a thick skin to weather the negative comments from people you quite possibly bump shoulders with while out and about.

But for Neil Wakeford the benefits of Facebook outweigh the drama. Below he shares why this social media behemoth has become a source of lifelong friendships.

There has been a lot of criticism about social media over the years, but for me, particularly Facebook, has been a very positive experience and a lot of fun since I joined in 2008. Initially it seemed pretty pointless, poking people being one of the biggest activities. For those not in the know that was a much more innocent activity than it sounds. In fact Facebook in general was far more innocent.

I started to befriend local people around my age, and my horizons started to broaden. Prior to this I'd lived quite an isolated life since moving to Darlington around 20 years ago, my then wife had a lot of health issues, so my time was filled with looking after her, raising our two daughters and trying to run my carpentry business.

Quite quickly the Facebook friendships became a sanctuary for me. It's hard to explain to those people who don't use social media, but it gives you shorthand notes to the person before you actually meet them. There is less apprehension and dare I say familiarity, I suppose it depends how much you share. I've always been a chronic oversharer, so numerous times I've been in places in Darlington and further afield and have been confronted with "oh, you are THAT Neil Wakeford" while I have no idea who they are, because they are a reader rather than a poster.

Neil Wakeford

Through the years there have been some notable experiences, including a treasure hunt, a selling page that I helped to set up, a motorcycle riding group The Sons (and daughters) of Antiquity, Wines by the Pines and there was the time we set up a group called Darlington Ministry of Sound where we shared music online and drank too much wine. Which led to the Masquerade Disco at the Winery. It was a fantastic event, but did not pass without controversy. But a magnificent memory all the same.

One of my favourite recurring topics on the Darlington Hub Facebook page has been to perpetuate the urban myth (or is it?) about the infamous Curry Club. The rumour goes that there was a swingers' group in Darlington in the 70s and 80s, who went under the guise of curry connoisseurs. I've never actually met anyone that attended, but would they admit it? I doubt it.

So not to let the truth get in the way of a good story, people (especially me) would insinuate about its existence, maybe it still does? I never received an invite despite owning a very swish Mercedes key ring for my Ford Focus, to throw in the bowl, apparently the bowl is "a must" amongst the required paraphernalia. As is the pampas grass at your gateway, an unturned pineapple, white rocks on your boundary line, and even garden gnomes and flamingos.

About a decade ago I used a template on YouTube to make a video joking about the existence of the Curry Club. No one knew who made it for years, which gave me a giggle. The video is must-see viewing for any recent arrival to the hood and has racked up thousands of views. You can watch the video here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8QPZamD2HQ

So for me, Darlington and Facebook have been intrinsically linked and it has been a wild and fun ride. I have met some amazing people and made lifelong friends. Luckily I've hardly fallen out with anyone along the way, which is a miracle when you're a bit mischievous and everyone gets offended so easily, and a devil's advocate is waiting to pounce on every statement, these days. So if you see my posts on the Hub or elsewhere don't forget to add a pinch of salt when reading the drivel I put out. Thank you Facebook, but most of all thank you Darlington.

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Upcoming events

The Darlington Community Garden has been working with the Shire of Mundaring and People on Bicycles to bring two free bike basics workshops to Darlington on Sunday, May 5.

These will take place from the community garden using the pump track, skate park and heritage trail. To book the basic bike skills or bike maintenance workshops head to Eventbrite. Suitable for all ages but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Celebrate Mothers Day on May 12 with the music of Mozart and Friends at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church in Darlington

The Sunday afternoon concert will feature four classical quartets for flute and string trio, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, complemented by works by three of his friends – Johann Christian Bach, Friedrich Hartmann Graf and Franz Ignaz Danzi, performed by members of the W. A. Mozarteum. Artists are flautist Emily Gunson, with leading musicians from the West Australian Symphony Orchestra – principal second violin Zak Rowntree, principal viola Daniel Schmitt, and associate principal cello Isaac Davis. To book phone 9574 1591.

Later in the month the Darlington Chamber Music Winter Series of Sunday afternoon concerts gets underway. Concert dates for 2024 are May 19, June 9, July 7, August 4 and September 22.

All concerts begin at 3pm in the Darlington Hall and feature a sumptuous afternoon tea at the conclusion of the music. Ticket prices: Single tickets: Adult: $50 / Concession: $45 / Under 18: $25 Season tickets (5 concerts): Adult: $225 / Concession: $200. Tickets are available from the Little Nook Cafe, Darlington Liquor Store, Darlington Post Office and online at humanitix.com/au.

Grand Handz piano duo Teresa and Don will be performing their Mid Day Memories on Saturday, May 25 in an afternoon that promises to be fun and frivolous.
Tickets $40 and include afternoon tea. Tickets available via www.trybooking.com/CNLMF.

Another speedy Review AGM

Our thanks to Jan Carroll (who writes Notes for St Cuthbert's Anglican Church) for chairing the Darlington Review's AGM last month (all 20 minutes of it!) and to those who attended. At the meeting, we officially welcomed Gabby Houldsworth as Review Manager (a front-of-house role dealing with all enquiries not related to business, advertising or editorial) and Public Accountant David Savill who has agreed to become our new Honorary Auditor.

Business Manager Betty Pitcher announced a net surplus of $1,445 for 2023 (while noting increases in costs of production) and reported that the Review had donated more than, $7,000 to community groups, including the Darlington Arts Festival and Carols by Candlelight. Betty also thanked Public Accountant David Savill our new Honorary Auditor. If you would like a copy of the minutes/accounts, please contact Betty on: business@darlingtonreview.com.au

Advertising Manager Julie Stuurstraat thanked Melissa Clark for stepping into her role for several months last year and she reported that advertising revenue had increased. Julie thanked the magazine's many loyal advertisers and those who have recently appreciated the Review's value in promoting their businesses/skills. Julie noted that while businesses – like families – were impacted by cost-of-living pressures, she was optimistic about the year ahead.

Editorial Manager Trea Wiltshire welcomed the Review's new Production Manager Liz Berry who is currently producing her third issue and she thanked Antoinette Boyd for her impressive work (and for agreeing to act as back-up when Liz is away). She also thanked the new monthly Editors whose distinctive voices have enhanced the magazine.

The Review is currently updating its Rules of Association and these will be presented to a Special Meeting later this year.

My Places in Antarctica

A good while back, locals may recall a Perth Modern student doing gardening to save for a school trip to Nepal. Clearly, Thomas Windsor (yes he's Pippa and Simon's son) has an adventurous spirit, and the UWA science graduate recently exchanged a job as a guide in the Simpson Desert for a year working with scientists in Antarctica. You can read all about it in MY PLACE following the Editorial (page 9).

Next month we welcome back Chris Durrant, a regular contributor to the Review, who will be in the Editor's chair for the June/July issues.

Letter to the Editor

A very big thank you to Trish Cook for ensuring the large, totally inappropriate led sign was removed from our park in Glen Forrest. A timely reminder to the Mundaring Shire to consult its ratepayers before spending our hard earned money on something, which was not wanted or needed.

We are a village after all, and every year I love seeing the 'home made' sign propped up opposite the Gourmet cafe, announcing our Christmas Carols at the sports club.

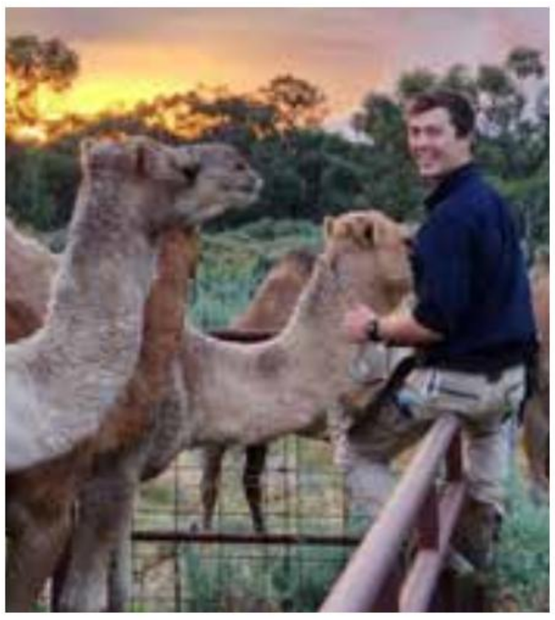
Once again, as I walk across the park in the fading light, I can hear the birds twittering softly in the canopy of our beautiful oaks, assuring their fledglings that what appeared to be some voracious bird with flashing coloured eyes, was no longer a threat. And residents living across the road, can once again turn their chairs around, and sipping their sundowners', enjoy the tranquil view of our park.

Thank you Trish.

Dee Musson

My Place - Thomas Windsor

While locals are trading tales of our long hot summer, two former residents based in Antarctica are more likely to be chatting about the blizzards that can shut down the scientific fieldwork being conducted at the Australian Antarctic Division's Casey Station. Trea Wiltshire talks to Thomas Windsor who grew up in Darlington and who, not long ago, was working with camels in the Simpson Desert!



While its around 20 degrees within Casey's comfortable Red Shed accommodation block, in the frozen landscape that wraps around the remote station, it can plummet to -34, and on the Mawson and Davis stations, to -40. Gemma Woldendorp and Thomas Windsor both grew up in Darlington and are now working in Antarctica – Gemma doing her second stint on the White Continent, and Thomas his first.

In last September's issue of the Review, we interviewed Gemma (photo below) when she was visiting her family. She's now supporting scientists engaged on a remote coastal camp at the Denman Glacier, some 400ks from Casey. And last week, I spoke on a remarkably clear phone line to Thomas (yes, oldest son of Pippa and Simon Windsor) as he sat in a T-shirt in the Red Shed's library area.

Beyond the quiet of the library, Thomas painted a vivid picture of the constant comings-and-goings at Casey Station that sits on a sculptured peninsular and is the closest station to the Australian mainland. It's the Division's busiest station with a runway that accepts RAAF C-17 Globemaster cargo plans ("mighty beasts" says Thomas), personnel planes and helicopters.

The runway and communications hub mean that Casey plays a vital role in the AAD that has its headquarters in Hobart. Gathering and contributing meteorological data to agencies forecasting weather around the world is one of Thomas's jobs, and one he trained for in Melbourne and Hobart when, after some testing interviews, he got the job at Casey (photo below).

However, as he explains: "Apart from the rostered releasing of the hydrogen weather balloons and gathering data, you've got to be prepared to step out of the boundaries of your job because of the station's limited personnel and assets," explains Thomas. "So, we recently took a 40-minute flight in a skied aircraft (that can land on ungroomed ice) to retrieve instruments that Gemma had installed during the previous season."

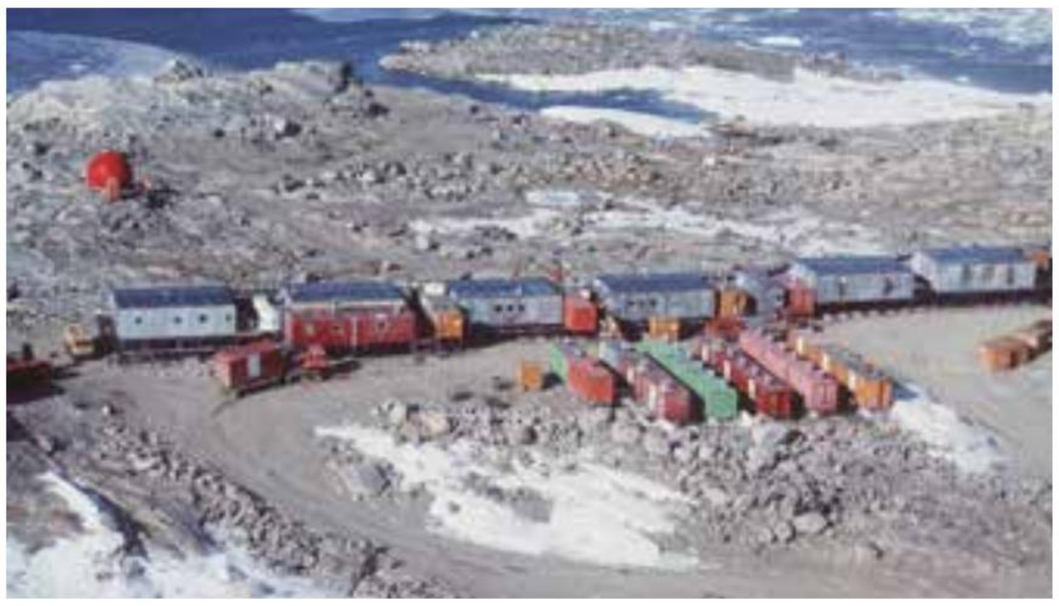
One of the important research projects being conducted from Casey Station centres on the Denman Glacier that sits atop the world's deepest ice-filled canyon reaching some 3.5km below sea level. "This summer and next, scientists are trying to do a full physical on this glacier, in particular probing several kilometres into the Denman Trench to gauge what's happening – in terms of melting – at the glacier's base. Another challenging project involving international partners is seeking to drill an ice core containing a chronological million-year record of the Earth's climate and atmospheric compositions."

While Thomas aspires to be part of such research, he recognises he'll need to add to his Honours degree with PhD studies in the area. However, right now he's just delighted to have landed the job he's doing and is clearly relishing the experience of working in Antarctica.

After graduating from UWA with a degree in Botany and Zoology, Thomas had a range of jobs including an on-going association with Australian Desert Expeditions that takes scientific groups deep into the Simpson Desert. These not-for-profit expeditions use camels that, way back, were the most familiar means of traversing Australia's interior. "The expeditions follow an old school approach to research," Thomas explains. "They're conducted at a much slower pace and involve authentic, in-depth survey work in different disciplines, from fossil digs to anthropology. It's a complete immersion in landscape – and in remote areas you'd never reach travelling by vehicle." And the fact that Thomas is clearly drawn to working in challenging areas would undoubtedly have registered with AAD interviewers.

So, from "deep immersion" in the desert, Thomas will face "deep immersion" in the White Continent – for unlike the expeditioners spending summer at Casey (and pushing its population above 100) the former resident will be among the 30 station stalwarts who keep the lights of Casey glowing through the harsh winter, finally returning to Hobart in November.

We wish him well – and were relieved to hear that the station has its own gym and theatre, a walk-in cupboard dubbed 'Woollies' in this cashless society, a hydroponic building where greens are cultivated as welcome additions to the winter diet, and a bar called Splinters. Among those also wintering at Casey is carpenter Connor Gordon from Glen Forrest, and Thomas notes (for those getting inspired by this article) that while he and Gemma are part of a comparatively small component of Casey's wider support community, "If you're not a scientist, the best way to get work on an Antarctic station is to have a trade".



In fact, if you Google the jobs available at Casey for the 2024/5 season, they include electricians, plumbers, boilermakers, welders and a range of other technical skills.

Tania Lawrence | Member of Hasluck

Bushfire Resilience Rating App

We live with the reality of increasing risk of severe bushfire conditions in our region.

Our Government understands the dangers posed by climate change and we have taken many steps to accelerate the process of carbon abatement across the country.

However, the practical reality of climate change is with us here and now, and it is incumbent on us all to take steps to build our own resilience and adaptation strategies.

In a groundbreaking initiative, the Resilient Building Council (RBC), have launched an App to help Australians better prepare their homes for bushfire risk. The Australian Government provided $3 million in funding from the Disaster Risk Reduction Package to support the development of the Bushfire Resilience Rating app and it is free to access and use.

The Bushfire Resilience Rating app allows households to assess the site-specific risk of your home and provides advice on ways to improve their bushfire resilience.

By using a star-rating system, homeowners can measure the resilience of their homes and make evidence-based safety improvements.

By considering factors such as vegetation, slope, and climate, the app provides a comprehensive understanding of the vulnerability of each home.

Once the risk assessment is complete, homeowners receive a personalised action plan. This plan suggests practical measures to enhance the bushfire resilience of their homes, such as draught sealing and relocating flammable items. Suggestions cover building, landscaping and ongoing maintenance.

As homeowners complete the recommended actions, their home's Resilience Rating is updated in real-time through the app. This feature allows homeowners to track their progress and witness the positive impact of their efforts.

The App provides the first scientific system to measure the bushfire resilience of homes, and has the potential to give insurers, banks and investors a framework for financing and rewarding bushfire resilience adaptations through discounts on insurance premiums and mortgage.

The RBC's Resilience Ratings program is set to expand further by mid-2024. The next phase will include expert on-site assessments for integrated ratings covering not just for bushfire but also flood, storm, cyclone, heatwave, and energy efficiency.

This expansion is jointly funded by the Australian Government and a number of industry groups, all committed to comprehensive disaster preparedness. Visit Resilience Ratings – Resilient Building Council (www.rbcouncil.org) to download the App.

I encourage you to provide feedback on the App so that its accessibility and insights are continually improved. Please also share your experience with others as lowering our household bushfire risk is often contingent on what we all do as a community.

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Darlington Ratepayers and Residents Association (DRRA)

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9 May 2024 at 7.30pm | **DRRA** Public Meeting at Darlington Hall. All welcome.

Attendees were treated to Matthew Hughes' perspective of State and Federal politics, and Satterley's proposed development in North Stoneville. Matthew demonstrated a wealth of knowledge, and his long commitment to the Hills community.

The following hills topics were discussed:

- The Australian Electoral Commission has removed one regional electorate and added one metropolitan electorate. The boundaries of the Kalamunda electorate have changed (refer to AEC website for details)
- The need for sensible and reliable communications when power goes down, pointing to the loss of telephone coverage during last January's storm. Communication towers require back-up batteries
- Kalamunda Council has changed its policy on tree preservation. Mature trees on private property are no longer protected in the Shire of Kalamunda
- The need for WA State Government to legislate for tree retention and street planning. Attendees want new developments to retain large habitat trees, and to provide for more tree planting
- New planning Minister, Hon John Carey MLA is mindful of the need to increase housing stock and infill development
- Hills communities have grown organically
- There is no desire to expand the eastern corridor to take pressure off north/south development. It's recognised that the north/south corridor sprawl cannot continue.
- The rich social capital created by volunteerism, Darlington being terrific in raising up volunteers.

Crs Trish Cook and Cr Luke Ellery confirmed that our Shire is currently looking at ground level temperature in relation to a verge tree planting program. Cr Luke Ellery referenced the use of 'heat maps' to highlight areas in need of canopy trees. All were in support of this initiative.

Matthew explained the State government's planning processes relating to Satterley's proposal in North Stoneville. Whilst Matthew remains vehemently opposed to the proposal, he warned that Satterley is not going away. Minister Carey is not supportive of the current proposal as it doesn't meet WA State planning requirements, however, if an 'acceptable' revised plan is put up his opposition could be removed.

The meeting's attendees agreed with the Shire councillors, a development along the lines of North Parkerville is considered more suitable, and in keeping with the Hills environment and community wishes.

The North Stoneville proposal will go before the WA Planning Commission in August 2024 and Matthew's advice is to sit tight and let due process take its course. Councillors Trish Cook, Luke Ellery and Karen Beale confirmed that once this has occurred, the Shire will put in an application to the State government to change the zoning of North Stoneville from urban to rural residential.

Louise Stelfox asked Matthew to reflect on his achievements, and to share those of which he was most proud. This precipitated a long list of Matthew's accomplishments, including working on the aged care advisory panel, an aged care facility in every City/Shire, palliative care at the Kalamunda Hospital, a rebuild of Lesmurdie Senior School, a rebuild of Kalamunda Primary and a Kindy being added to Glen Forrest Primary School. Matthew tried, but so far has been unsuccessful in getting an upgrade for the swimming pool in Kalamunda. It looks like a pool will be built in Forrestfield. Matthew supports an upgrade to Eastern Hills swimming pool on the proviso it's available for public use, which is currently supported by the school principal.

DRRA thanked Matthew for his dedication and long service in supporting Darlington's community and our recreational programs: Darlington's pavilion, skate park and community garden. Following a meeting with Chris Arnold (and Cr Trish Cook), Matthew has made an electoral commitment to provisionally allocate $80,000 for the Darlington Wetland Rehabilitation Action Plan project. He has personally contributed to Geoff Barker's community film project and encourages the community to get behind it.

As this is Matthew's last term in State politics, succession planning is in full swing, albeit Matthew was unable to divulge Labour's prospective candidate until the individual has gone through the Labour party's due process. What are Matthew's retirement plans? Look out for Matthew the Lollipop man, or Matthew the driver in a school bus.

It was an informative and enjoyable evening.

How you can get involved

Meetings are fun and lively. We meet on the second Thursday of every month, Darlington Hall 7:30-9pm.

Email: raise your concerns and issues to DRRA's agenda by emailing drra@darlingtonvillage.org

Membership ($15 per person, per annum):

- o gives you meeting notices, Minutes of meetings and up-to-date information in your inbox
- o allows you to vote on decisions which affect the community
- o Payment by cash or EFT: DRRA, BSB 633000 Account 129416640. Reference your 'surname' and email drra@darlingtonvillage.org to join our email mailing list.

NEEDED: Two new Executive Committee members

Secretary: To take Minutes for two meetings a month and keep Members informed

Publicist: To publicise DRRA's activities.

Please text Louise on 0437 310 578 to find out more.

Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

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000 is the **ONLY** number to ring for all fire and smoke sightings.

- **The** ComCen **will page our members who are on duty.**
- **For general Brigade enquiries please ring** 9299 7217. Station hours: **Saturday 9am-10:30am.**
  Web: **darlingtonfire.org.au** • Facebook: **Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade** • Instagram: **dvbfb_**
- Next Brigade meeting: **AGM** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Darlington Fire Station.

Our late summer and continued soil dryness means fires are still burning easily in the bush. At the time of writing, the Shire of Mundaring had extended its Prohibited Burning period to April 28th, and further extensions were being considered. Please check with the Shire for current restrictions and conditions before lighting any fires, and check our Facebook page for updates. Once we enter the Restricted Burning period, permits to burn must be obtained for all running fires (day and night), all burning before 6pm, and multiple piles or piles larger than 1 square metre after 6pm. Permits, when available, can be applied for online, via the Shire's website, or at the Darlington Fire Station on Saturday mornings between 9am – 10am. If you are conducting a burn on your property, contact the Shire to confirm the current conditions, restrictions, or prohibitions, and always register your burn with DFES on 9395 9209.

Once the Restricted Burning period is in effect, there may be restrictions placed on permits and the burning of small piles of garden refuse. Once they are permitted, small piles of garden refuse no bigger than 1 square metre may be burnt after 6pm without a permit, BUT under strict conditions including; the Fire Danger Rating is not High, Extreme or Catastrophic, only 1 pile is alight at any time, keep a 3m clearance around any fire, have a means of extinguishing the fire within reach, a capable adult is in attendance AT THE FIRE at all times, the fire is completely extinguished by midnight (NO heat, smoke, steam, white ash). If you are lighting a fire at your residence, please register the fire with DFES on 9395 9209, and consider the impact of smoke on your neighbours.

Due to permits not being issued, and High fire danger ratings, the Brigade has had to delay its seasonal Hazard Reduction Burns programme. This means we may not have the opportunity to conduct some of the burns we have planned, and we apologise in advance if we cannot complete our promised burns. If you are a property owner and would like the Brigade to consider assisting you with a hazard reduction burn on your property, you can call the Station on 9299 7217 to register your details.

On Saturday April 13th the Shire of Mundaring celebrated its Bush Fire Brigades, and other volunteer emergency personnel, with the annual family BBQ, which includes the inter-brigade tug-of-war challenge. Great fun, great food, and great fellowship was had by all, with a chance to relax together as we head to end of the fire season. In what has become a classic matchup, the Darlington brigade managed to pull the Parkerville brigade over the line (not before actually snapping the tug-of-war rope!) to retain the Top Tuggers Trophy. Well done to brigade members Jenny, Jack, John, Steve, Gerry, and Jackson, for their efforts.

Then, on Tuesday April 16th we hosted a visit from the Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides, and what a fun evening we had. After a short presentation about the Brigade, fire hazards and fire safety, the Guides were treated to a tour of the station, including a look in, on and around our fire trucks. With lots of curious minds, the group kept us on our toes with some great questions. The evening finished with a chance for our junior firefighters to use the hoses on our 3.4 to spray some water and put out some pretend fires.

"Firefighters; driving into the smoke, while everyone else is racing to get out of it" ~ Author Unknown

Ricky Harvey

Darlington Bushfire Ready Group

Unfortunately the fire season is not over yet

You still need to keep you house and property prepared in case of…….

Bushfires can start suddenly so you need to be prepared to act even if you do not get a warning. On hot days when bushfires are possible you need to stay alert and go outside regularly to check for signs of a bushfire.

Most people wait to be told what to do, expecting a fire-fighter to knock on their door to tell them to leave. This is highly unlikely to happen. Do not wait for a warning before acting. The decision to 'wait and see' can be deadly.

Remember also you may lose power and water supply. It is important to plan ahead, Without power you may not be able to open your garage door or operate your home telephone. Without water you cannot defend your home. If you plan to actively defend your property you will need to make sure you home is prepared to the highest level.

During a bushfire the safest place to be is away from the fire. You and your family's survival depend on your decision you make and how you act. Be prepared and have a plan…

…GO TO…MYBUSHFIREPLAN.WA.GOV.AU …

More information also available from the Fire station….Saturday mornings….9.00-10.00am

Stay alert to what is happening around you, and put your Bushfire Plan in place. If needing any information on what to do around your home, come down to the Fire Station on a Saturday morning between 9.00am and 10.00am.

Councillor's Column South Ward | Cr Trish Cook | Shire of Mundaring

Together, with our new CEO Jason Whiteaker, our first community elected President Paige McNeil, and a hardworking and dedicated Council, I'm happy to report we are moving closer to our collective value of sustainability living within our beautiful Shire. Some of Council's recent decisions and activities include:

- Better internal systems reporting and processes, particularly financial reports
- A request to WA Planning Commission for a new Local Planning Scheme and Strategy
- Working with the Federal government and opposition members for improved day-to-day and emergency telecommunications
- Supporting appropriate rural residential development for the North Parkerville Structure Plan 33 instead of urban-deferred development
- Development of a new COUNCIL PLAN which will combine the Community Strategic Plan and the Corporate Business Plan
- The implementation of the LED replacement street lighting and other actions have helped the Shire achieve our 2030 goal of 30% reduction of gas emissions earlier than expected. We have therefore set a new target to further reduce the Shire's greenhouse gas emissions by 70% by 2030 (from the 2016/2017 baseline)
- The introduction of a long-term resource recovery program Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) in partnership with the EMRC

Having recently exceeded our goal of reducing gas emissions, we want to do more!

The State government have implemented mandatory changes to reduce 75% of landfill in the Perth and Peel areas. As part of this goal to reduce waste grant funding has been provided for the Shire's FOGO program to be rolled out on July 1st 2024. Our waste bin audit revealed that 50% of our waste is organic material. When FOGO materials are buried in landfill and has no oxygen it emits methane, but when recycled into compost it dramatically reduces the methane output. Methane is twenty-five times more harmful as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide! As well as reducing our environmental gas emissions by reducing our landfill waste, it will save us landfill waste gate fees for which the price per tonne continues to climb.

FOGO will see residents get a new bright green lid bin (240 litres) collected weekly for food and garden scraps to be turned into compost - If it lived or grew, it's FOGO!

The smaller waste bin, currently dark green lid, will remain and become a red lid bin (140 litres). Collection will change from weekly to fortnightly. Note there will be a compassionate policy if you have extenuating circumstances. The yellow top recycling bin (240 litres) will continue as fortnightly collection. You will also be given a kitchen caddy. There will be FOGO seminars run throughout May and June – check the Shire website mundaring.wa.gov.au. Let's work together to reuse/reduce/recycle!

As always, a big thank you to our volunteer emergency responders and bushfire brigades who must be sleeping a bit easier in these glorious cooler autumn days.

If you would like further information about any of these items or other issues, please contact South Ward Councillors Luke Ellery or myself.

Regards, Cr Trish Cook
Deputy President

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Recently I wrote in the Darlington Review about the Select Committee into Child Development Services and its first report tabled in the Legislative Council late last year.

Last week, the Committee tabled its Final Report, Child Development Services in Western Australia: Valuing our Children and their Needs. Read together with the first report, which identified the need for a substantial increase in funding and resources, this report makes 57 recommendations on strategies to improve the accessibility and sustainability of the child development service (CDS) system.

The Committee examined issues including the development and implementation of a statewide electronic medical record system, the benefits of an online referral system, how CDS can interact more effectively with other government and non-government organisations and the need to maximise the efficiency and continued availability of a future CDS workforce.

As a Committee member, I have also made 10 minority recommendations. These include that the State Government commence a trial of an expanded model of school-based allied health services immediately, the number of language development centres be increased, primary and secondary-level child development services be expanded at existing Child and Parent Centres (CPCs) and that more CPCs are established.

Importantly, I have recommended that the Government provide the required funding to give effect to the Committee's recommendations and the minority recommendations. This will ensure the reforms needed to reduce unacceptably long waiting times and expand service provision are delivered for the benefit of WA children.

In this regard, while more work must be done, I am pleased that there has been some positive news with respect to funding of this critical service. While it has taken the Cook Labor Government far too long to finally act, the recent announcement to provide $39 million for child development services is a win for everyone who has pushed this Government so hard to increase funding to this vital service.

After successfully advocating for the establishment of this Select Committee back in 2022, I wish to thank every family who has shared their story, everyone who signed the petition supporting my call for the Committee's establishment and the many health, education and community service organisations who have continued to raise their significant concerns about the impact of unacceptably long wait times.

The Committee's report can be accessed at www.parliament.wa.gov.au.

What's on at the Hub of the Hills for over 55's in May

High Tea & Book Cafe | 28 May | 9.30am to 11am
High Tea, raffles and a huge selection of good quality pre-loved books for sale. All money raised will be donated to Cancer Council of WA. Come along and support this major fundraising event.

Weekly Coffee Morning | Tuesdays | 9.30am
Enjoy catching up with friends or meeting new friends. Free tea and coffee, home made morning tea for only $2. All welcome.

Over 55's Drop-In | Wednesdays | 9.30am to 11.30am | Free
A safe area for seniors to have a chat, read the paper, play board games or complete puzzles. Tea and coffee available.

Do you enjoy playing Scrabble and Rummikub?

Or would you like to learn? Come along to the Hub of the Hills on Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm. All playing levels are welcome. Cost is $2 and tea and coffee is provided.

The Hub of the Hills, 8 Craig Street, Mundaring
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Tuesday 8.30am to 11.30am | Wednesday 9am to 12pm | Thursday 10am to 2pm

Shire of MUNDARING

Darlington Arts Festival

The year so far has proceeded at a gentle pace but from now on momentum increases as we get things rolling for the 2024 festival.

As always there is a huge amount of background work going on. In the next month or so all the information needed for sponsorships and donations, and registration details for the four art exhibitions, stalls and performing arts will be put onto the website - watch this space.

Each year many organisations, businesses and individuals give generously and some have done so for years. Their support is always greatly appreciated - without it the festival would not survive. There are a range of options to choose from such as sponsoring art prizes, donating raffle items or providing general financial assistance. There will be a lot more information on this later and we will be talking to previous sponsors and donors but if you are new to Darlington and would like to contribute and be a part of this wonderful festival we would be very pleased to hear from you.

As always, anyone interested in supporting the festival is welcome to contact the Secretary Chris Pemberton on admin@darlingtonartsfestival.com

Darlington Social Cricket Club

Darlington Social Cricket Club Sri Lanka Tour 2024

Report from Glenn Farrant – one of the tour organisers.

In keeping with the long history and tradition of DSCC, our proud club will go global once again, with a tour of Sri Lanka in May 2024.

This is the 6th time the club has toured, with previous tours including England, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and various interstate destinations.

Our touring group is 51 strong including 14 children, and 21 players. We range from age 6 through 75 which is testament to the inclusive and family friendly tradition of the club.

Excitement has been building since our regular season concluded in March with our members meeting recently for a curry night to finalise preparations and ready the palate for what is to come. Rumour has it that one of our members has been feeding their child, chilli 2 minute noodles to "harden them up" for Sri Lankan cuisine.

The idea for a subcontinent tour started a few years ago and was delayed during COVID times but took shape around 12 months ago.

We have been working in collaboration with Motive travel agency in Perth and Connaissance travel in Sri Lanka who specialise in crafting group sporting tours. For them this is a somewhat unique sporting group with mix of families.

Our tour starts in Columbo. We have a late arrival and full rest day to explore the busy Sri Lankan capital. Our first game is on day three, but it's just an intraclub match to give our aging has-beens a chance to loosen their joints and relive their past glory days by testing themselves on subcontinent turf.

A few of our players are hopeful that they can extract some turn from these wickets which will be a novel experience, after the familiar flat pitch of Darlington oval.

We play 4 games over 13 days so we expect some sore bodies, sore heads, an injury or two, and quite likely some deflated egos as we take on the wily Sri Lankan veterans.

Our matches are all at first class venues and finishing off at Kandy stadium where many test matches have been played. It will be an absolute treat to be walking the same steps as some cricket legends.

The tour will give us a taste of Sri Lanka with bustling markets, shopping, tuk tuks, street food and crazy traffic of Colombo to the safari parks and ancient city ruins in central Sri Lanka, to the beachside resort, snorkelling coral reefs and poolside cocktails on the east Coast to the iconic mountainous region and splendour of Kandy with its iconic train ride and tea plantations and picturesque scenery.

All in all it is a reflection on the club and its community how many people have chosen to attend this tour. We all have feeling of excitement and expectation around the new experiences and deeper friendships that a tour like this will provide, as well as a chance to fly the flag for Darlington community on an international stage.

Stay tuned: the next edition of the Review will include a Sri Lanka diary, documenting the trip's highlights.

Perth Hills Climate Change Interest Group Inc

New Fuel Efficiency Standard. What's not to like?

There is much to like about the Australian Government's proposed legislation for a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) to lower carbon emissions and improve access to cost-saving, low carbon, fuel-efficient vehicles.

Perth Hills Climate Interest Group supports the NVES initiative because it will:

- Improve the fuel efficiency of all new cars, whether petrol, diesel, electric or hybrid and limit the dumping of 'dirty' carbon polluting vehicles into the Australian market.
- Deliver health benefits by reducing vehicle emissions: research shows pollution from fossil-fuel cars, trucks and buses is the probable cause of over 11,100 deaths, almost 20,000 hospitalisations and 66,000 asthma cases annually in Australia.
- Save drivers money estimated at around $1,200 to $1,800 per year or more. New vehicles in Australia use about 20% more fuel than in the USA, which has a fuel efficiency standard. Electric vehicles (EVs) have none of these costs to worry about.

Cap the amount of carbon emissions across a manufacturer's overall new car sales, meaning they must offer low and zero emission new vehicles to avoid penalties. This will incentivise car makers to increase supply and choice for Australians and boost the range and affordability of low and zero emission vehicles (EVs) in Australia.

Although the government's preferred legislation has been diluted to address some objections from car manufacturers, the legislation, while not perfect, is still far better than having no Standard.

What's not to like about better choice and access to affordable EVs for drivers, or to reduce the costs for those who prefer petrol/diesel vehicles, and in the process create a healthier living environment?

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The most common question Save Perth Hills (SPH) supporters ask us is: Why is the destructive 'North Stoneville' plan dragging on, relentlessly? Afterall, it's been around since 1991!

The second most common question is: Why is Satterley, the proposed developer, allowed endless 'appeals' to fight the relentless opposition, and the top-level rejections, to urbanise 535 hectares of isolated and bushfire-proven Stoneville?

They're great questions...

Firstly, WA has no 'Third Party Right of Appeal' in planning decisions - meaning community members have virtually no capacity to challenge or overturn planning decisions. Fortunately, so far, all decisions on North Stoneville have gone against Satterley, as they should, given the danger and destruction this plan would wreak on Perth's Hills, our Community and on our bio-diverse environment.

But, under WA's planning laws, developers, such as Satterley, can challenge rejections as many times as they like. And, Satterley, along with their joint venture business partner and North Stoneville land owner, the Anglican Diocese of Perth, is doing exactly that.

Right now, Satterley's next step is to challenge the latest rejection, in December 2023, by WA's Planning Commission's (WAPC). That rejection was supported by DFES, Shire of Mundaring, City of Swan AND an unprecedented 2,341 public submissions. But Satterley and the Diocese has sought a Full hearing to determine the matter, in WA's independent State Tribunal (SAT).

But there's good news in this.

Unlike Satterley's almost 3-years' of confidential, closed-door, tax-payer-funded 'mediation' at SAT, a Full hearing will be public! We – the Community, can observe proceedings.

The other significant news is that SAT's Senior Member, Dr Stephen Willey, has ruled that SPH, and the Shire of Mundaring, be given copies of both Satterley and the WAPC's legal documents which will outline how each side plans to present their case at the Full hearing. This will help SPH, potentially, to shape our own submission – or perhaps to 'intervene' as a 'party' to proceedings. That's not easy, and it's very rare – but if we get a chance we'll give this option a go. And in a fabulous example of Community and Council alignment, our Shire Council unanimously supported that a report regarding North Stoneville be presented to August's Council Meeting to consider to intervene or make submission to the SAT hearing.

But - the Full SAT hearing probably won't be until early 2025. Take heart though.

As eager as we all are to see the end of the notorious North Stoneville Plan, time and time again, we see that 'delay' works in favour of SPH and, potentially, for bushfire prone communities everywhere, given this decision, ultimately could set significant bushfire planning precedents.

Every time Satterley and the Anglican Diocese have acted to prolong their agony of yet another inevitable rejection, the subsequent delay has served to strengthen opposition – and evidence, against their outrageously outdated plan to populate a proven bushfire disaster zone in a semi-rural setting.

Since Satterley blindsided our Community, one week before Christmas 2018, with its first iteration of its North Stoneville disaster plan, six bushfire seasons have prevailed. Each fire disaster has increased in intensity and frequency, and tragically, in impact on Communities – locally and nationally, including the Summer of Fires, (2019), and, in our own patch, the Wooroloo Fires (2021). These disasters, and countless others, provide further unchallengeable evidence of the madness of knowingly placing thousands of people in harm's way.

Delays too, bolster scientific evidence of an increasingly challenging climate. All around the Hills right now, many of our trees show the stress of a long, record-hot Summer, and now an undeniably drought-like Autumn. According to the ABC (April 20th 2024), Perth is experiencing 'a year without Autumn'. We usually get 43 mills of rain in April – so far just 1 mill has fallen.

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-04-20/australia-weather-wet-east-coast-possible-cyclone-wa-bakes/103747022?utm_source=abc_news_appandutm_medium=content_sharedandutm_campaign=abc_news_appandutm_content=mail

- *'The last six months has been the warmest and driest on record for western parts of WA. From October to March, Perth received just 22mm of rain, easily below the previous record of 39mm in 1892. During the same period the city's average maximum temperature has been 30.7 degrees Celsius, an incredible 3.4C above normal and also a record. This April has only prolonged the trend with Perth's highs averaging 30.0C, a full 5C above normal and 5C above Taree's temperatures at the same latitude on the east coast.*

So, while we wait for the end of North Stoneville, our case continues to build – by the day. Even Mundaring Shire Council has voted to seek to repeal the Shire's outdated Local Planning Scheme (LPS4) and replace it with a contemporary plan that would appropriately reflect the needs – and challenges, of our 21st Century community, ensure environmental and bushfire relevance, and prevent any further 'North Stoneville disaster plans' ever entering out Hills' 'orbit' again.

As always, we welcome donations, big and small, to fund, predominantly, our legal support.
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COMMUNITY GRANTS program

Quick Grant Round opens 26 April

Eligible community groups can now apply for up to $500 towards the purchase of small equipment, training, promotional material and any other small projects that benefit the local community.

Search for Community Grants on the Shire website for funding guidelines or phone 9290 6678 to discuss, particularly if applying for the first time.

Applications must be submitted at mundaring.smartygrants.com.au by 4pm Tuesday 28 May 2024.

Shire of MUNDARING

Darlington Sports and Recreation Association Inc.

Noisebin is now installed

As advised last Month the NoiseBin "Sculpture" was installed in its final location on Tuesday 16 April.

A big shout out to the team once again: Kevin Norris, Gus Skene, Graeme Gordon and Ian Crawford. Assisted by Alan Woodward with his truck and HiAb

Thank you also to the Shire of Mundaring for the Youth Grant, Javi Ayora for the Drawings and the work of the original design Team of Darlington students and Rosie Logie. The installation of the Technical bits remains in negotiation.

Darlington Film

The Film is now being pursued with some confidence. Mundaring Bendigo Bank has committed $5,000 to the Budget and are keen to assist in its production, and an Application for $3,000 has been sent to the Shire of Mundaring to support the Film. Kaleb Woodward is assisting in compiling stock footage camera work that can be used in the background of interviews, and the script is now being finalised.

We continue to seek from the community access to family short films that show Darlington and people in places in and around Darlington. Due accreditation will be Please contact Geoff Barker if you can assist in any way. Geoffbarker52@gmail.com or 0418 953 176

Buy-A-Brick Campaign

We now advise and Celebrate the Sale of all the Standard Bricks – YES ALL SOLD, (except for 2 peak bricks on the wall for which we are working out what to do and/or how to sell).

Activities:

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Put Spark into your life

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The Glenforrest Bridge Club is part of the Glenforrest Sports Club situated in Mc Glew Road, Glenforrest. This is a great advantage to bridge club members as you are also members of the Sports club and have access to all the facilities including the bar and great Friday evening meals …

Glen Forrest bridge club has a very friendly and supportive Wednesday morning session especially for people wanting to refresh their bridge skills, learn how to play or play social bridge. No need to feel shy, everyone is made very welcome.

Bridge is a challenging game to learn, however, you can begin playing and enjoying bridge with just a rudimentary knowledge of the game, so don't let the challenge put you off. Bridge is called the "the game for a lifetime." In fact, the challenge is what makes the game so popular and so interesting and why it is so good for the brain.

Regular sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, learners/social session Wednesday morning.
Telephone Ronnie or Fred 0417 913 468 if you would like more information or visit our website at
https://glenforrest.bridgeaustralia.org or simpler just type in Glen Forrest Bridge Club.

Baha'i Community of Mundaring

Sometimes it can really feel like we're surrounded by so much noise, the endless chatter of various forms of media. And yet, doesn't it also feel like we can go for days without any meaningful conversation, just exchanging polite niceties, commenting on the weather, or perhaps avoiding deeper more controversial topics of the day? We may be fortunate to have friends with whom we can share the complexities of our lives and this type of conversation can be very cathartic. But perhaps there is also room for another type of discussion?

The Baha'i teachings encourage everyone to expand their thoughts – to focus not on the self or on this material world, but on the world of the spirit. To do that, we can all try to elevate our conversations with our friends. Whilst the state of the world may feel far too daunting and depressing a topic, the Baha'i teachings gently guide us that by consulting and learning from each other we can, with great hope, take action towards the betterment of the world. Through the conversations we have we can plant the seeds for change in the world around us.

'Abdu'l-Baha tells us "All knowledge is good, but it can bear no fruit except by action. … We hope the people realise and know that unity is good, and we also hope that they will not be content to stand still in that knowledge. Do not only say that Unity, Love and Brotherhood are good; you must work for their realisation."

We are also advised in the Baha'i writings to "Be not dismayed if your endeavours are dismissed as utopian by the voices that would oppose any suggestion of fundamental change. Trust in the capacity of this generation to disentangle itself from the embroilments of a divided world."

To encourage community connection and consultation the Baha'is of Mundaring hold quarterly coffee mornings at the Darlington Lesser Hall. Whilst our intentions of having elevated conversations on meaningful forms of action for the betterment of our world may be lofty, we are also a very friendly bunch, from all of walks of life, all ages, and from all spiritual backgrounds, everybody is welcome. Following plenty of coffee and croissants we discuss themes such as 'the importance of connection' and 'hope'. Our next Community Conversation Coffee morning is scheduled for Saturday 13 July at 10am at the Darlington Lesser Hall. All are welcome. More details on our Facebook page and website.

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Blackboy Hill Commemorative Site

As Anzac Day has passed for another year, we acknowledge the site of a training camp for approximately 32,000 men in the Shire of Mundaring.

Blackboy Hill, so named as the 4,000 acres of land on the Swan and Helena Rivers was profusely covered by "Grass Trees" or "Blackboys" as they were once known. This land was part of the original grant made to Captain James Stirling by the British Government in 1829. We believe that it was also used as a hunting and camping ground for Aborigines, who left behind large grinding stones for future use.

Blackboy Hill was the site chosen by the Government to set up a training camp for WWI. The area was stripped of the blackboys and marked out by Captain A.N. Martin and Lieutenant F.A. Beale of the Australian Engineers as a training camp for the soldiers. Rows of bell-shaped tents were erected and avenues of new trees were planted, only to be blown down in a sudden storm in 1915, leaving one tent.

With the help of busy bees and the men from the Midland Junction Railway Workshops, more permanent structures with concrete foundations and wooden huts were built. In 1919, after the war finished, the camp was used as an isolation hospital to deal with the outbreak of pneumonic influenza. When the threat of influenza was over, the site fell into disuse and the bush returned to its natural state but without the Blackboys.

Unemployed men waiting for train to National Park

During the Great Depression, the camp was used again, this time to house unemployed and destitute men. It was decided that these men could be employed and were paid one shilling per week to build roads and other structures in National Park. This did not just provide income for the men, but the morale improved considerably and they even published their own

The Elipses at Blackboy Hill

newspaper "The Blackboy Rag" which was sold for a penny. By 1935 the land was vacant again and although it was not used to train soldiers for WW11, the remaining usable huts were dismantled and re-erected elsewhere.

In 1958 the first sod was turned to create the commemorative site that we see today.

NEXT MEETING
Saturday 15th June
2.00 pm
The Hub of the Hills, 8 Craig Street, Mundaring
Guest Speaker to be announced
Afternoon Tea supplied for a gold coin donation

DARLINGTON CHAMBER MUSIC WINTER SERIES

Once again the time is right for the Darlington Chamber Music Winter Series of Sunday afternoon concerts. It's time to put dates into your diary and get ready for some wonderful musical winter experiences. The five musicians that comprise the Darlington Ensemble are excellent examples of the way that Chamber Music can bring people and institutions together. **Semra Lee** (Assistant Concertmaster) and **Zak Rowntree** (Principal Second Violin) are WASO violinists. **Jon Tooby** is Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and, together with **Sally Boud**, Zak, Semra and Jon lead WAAPA's Classical String programme while **Graeme Gilling** is the Chair of Performance and Keyboard Studies at the University of Western Australia. All five musicians are committed to bringing the highest standard of music to these annual Darlington concerts.

CONCERT DATES FOR 2024:

May 19, June 9, July 7, August 4 and September 22

All concerts begin at 3pm in the Darlington Hall and feature a sumptuous afternoon tea at the conclusion of the music.

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Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers' Centre

Coming up at the KSP Writers' Centre

History and Heritage Function: Saturday 4 May 2024, 1.00-4.00pm

Join us for a captivating journey into the rich history and heritage of Katharine Susannah Prichard and her son Ric Throssell, as we delve into their remarkable lives with acclaimed author Nathan Hobby, writer of *"The Red Witch: A Biography of Katharine Susannah Prichard"*. Then, listen to an introduction to Karen Throssell's book ***"The Crime of Not Knowing Your Crime"***, by historian and the Director of Centre of Western Australian History at UWA, Bobbie Oliver, before having a chance to purchase your copy! Book your spot to attend an unforgettable experience celebrating the enduring legacy of Katharine Susannah Prichard and Ric Throssell and indulge in a delightful afternoon tea as you immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Australian history. This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential.

Book a Writing Retreat:

KSP Writers' Centre offers private accommodation for writers looking to escape the distractions of home-life and focus on the development of a story, poem, manuscript or thesis. Check-in is from 1pm; Checkout is 10am. Want to gift a writer friend or family member with a retreat? Ask us about vouchers! Costs: $145 per night from Sunday-Thursday; $175p/n from Friday-Saturday. If you are a KSP member, there is a 20% discount on these rates. Ensure to enter the promo code 'member' to access your KSP membership discount. Membership status will be verified by staff upon booking.

For more information on our residencies, competitions or other activities please visit the KSP website www.kspwriterscentre.com or phone the office on 08 9294 1872. KSP Writers' Centre is proudly sponsored by the Shire of Mundaring.

Forrest Darlings CWA

In May, the Forrest Darlings branch of CWA will be hosting an event as part of the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea campaign. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a community event that raises vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer. Almost one in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85, and the disease has touched many of our nearest and dearest. Raising funds for the Cancer Council will help to bring us closer to a cancer free future.

Tickets ($20) for our Biggest Morning Tea at Glen Forrest Sports and Social Club are now on sale. Please join us on Saturday 25th May for this special event. There will be raffles, stalls and a delicious morning tea to enjoy while raising funds for this great cause.

https://events.humanitix.com/australia-s-biggest-morning-tea-with-forrest-darlings-cwa

Forrest Darlings is a friendly branch of the Country Womens Association which usually meets monthly at Darlington Pavilion. Our May meeting will be held at a private address – please contact us via Facebook for location details.

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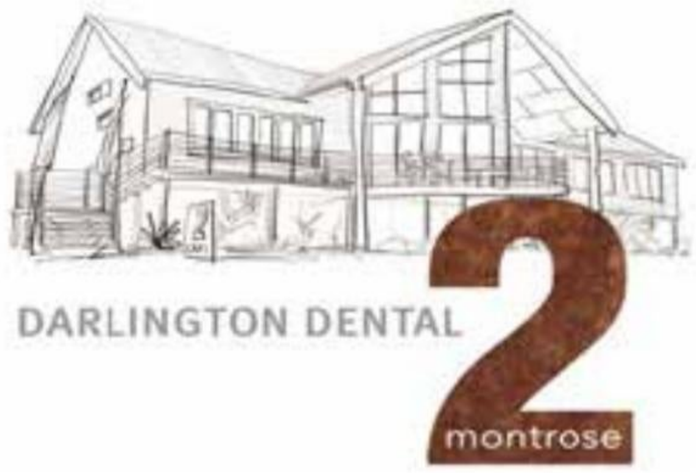

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Life in the Southern Ocean Searching for Mh370

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Martin had been on the Fugro vessels hunting the southern Indian Ocean off the West Australian coast to try and find some trace of the Boeing 777 plane that disappeared and to date has not been found. Martin presented a technical explanation of the different underwater devices and roles they played in mapping the sea floor. The search Martin was involved with was done by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, who awarded the deepwater survey company Fugro Survey to conduct a bathymetric study of the sea floor. The area surveyed had never been done in such detail previously and uncovered mountains, deep valleys and depths up to 6000 metres. As well 4 shipwrecks were found and debris off ships but nothing from the plane so in 2017 the mission was suspended with an area the size of Southern New Zealand being surveyed.

What was amazing were the conditions the search was conducted in. Cyclones and storms had to be contended with along with towing the equipment nine Kilometres behind the ship and keeping it on a straight path while scanning the ocean floor. As well it took between 4 and 6 days travel to get to the site and the same to return to Fremantle Port. Martin also had some video footage from the ship showing the sea conditions they had to contend with. By the end of the talk it was clear that Martin had been part of an amazing endeavor that is yet to be resolved.

May Guest Speaker Brendan Kelly
"Sex, Drugs and Gilbert and Sullivan – Amateur Entertainment in Western Australia 1875-1895"
Wednesday 8 May @ 7.30pm sharp
Darlington Lesser Hall, Owen Road, Darlington

Historian and author Brendan Kelly's talk highlights key figures, such as Lilian Hart, wife of journalist-actor-singer-composer-entrepreneur Francis Jerome Ernest 'Jerry' Hart. Lilian was a journalist, columnist, pioneer working woman, and skilled pianist who promoted Perth's cultured class through her columns 'DOROTHY' and 'CORA', sharing social observations and subtle gossip. Highly connected, she wielded significant influence in Perth. In the upper class, being an 'amateur' performer was acceptable, as the professional stage was deemed undesirable. Nonetheless, elocution, music, and presentation skills were valued for a well-rounded education, often cultivated through school plays and concerts. Enthusiastic participation in the performing arts retained propriety under the label of 'amateur'.

Refreshments will be served after Brendan's talk. Gold coin donation appreciated at the door. You do not have to register for the talk, but it does help with our catering. For more information, please call Val 9299 6868.

Mundaring Shire Local Heritage Workshop

The Mundaring Shire is doing a review of all aspects of heritage within the boundaries of the Shire. This was first done in 1996 by Bruce Callow and Associates under the heading of Municipal Inventory. Ian Elliot's book "Mundaring A History of the Shire" published in 1983 was invaluable and far sighted at the time in recording the local heritage and was used extensively to build up the M.I.

A small group of residents with interest and skills in the heritage area has currently been selected by the Shire to meet on a regular basis to review this original M.I. document and a much more extensive process is being undertaken to record and document the Shire's extensive heritage buildings and other features in the landscape. In the DHG books Cliff noted that from 1907-1923 over 400 blocks of land were released in Darlington which had the early title of a "DormItory Suburb" because of the ability of people to live in the hills and use the train to commute to work in Perth. Very little of Darlington's early history had been recorded until the DHG sought to actively research and publish it in books and on the website.

Are you in this photograph? Let us know!

Renowned photographer Richard Woldendorp's widow Lyn recently uncovered some colour negatives, undated but perhaps from the 1980's that show some of the Darlington Pony Club on the Recreation Ground at Darlington. The DHG is interested in hearing from anyone who recognizes people in the photos or knows about the Darlington Pony Club when it operated at Darlington before moving to Parkerville in the 1980's. We would also like to hear from anyone who has information about Polocrosse that was also held at the Recreation Ground earlier around the 1950's and possibly later.

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One day while driving home from work, another vehicle swerved into his lane and Terry died in the crash.

Alice was shocked to learn that as Terry had no will and his estate was now worth $450,000, it would all go to Veronica under section 14(1)(2) of the *Administration Act 1903* (WA).

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Season 2024 Bookings Now OPEN.

17 bushland and parkland walks. Programme summary below.

2024 Walking Programme Announced

The 2024 Programme is summarised below. Email Cliff cliffburns@iprimus.com.au to make a booking or to enquire about the Programme. You will receive a reply with full details of the 2024 Programme. You can book the whole season or individual walks.

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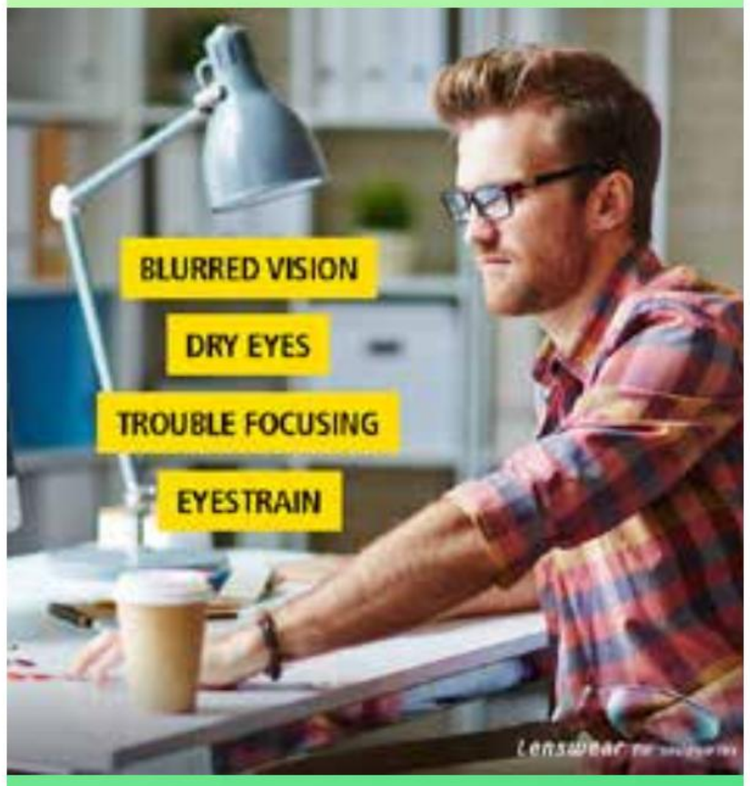

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One-to-one computer help sessions are available at the libraries. New sessions have recently been added at Mundaring Library. Bookings are essential. Computer Help is available at the libraries on Mondays and Thursdays at these times.

- Boya Library – 10am to 12.15pm
- Mundaring Library – 3pm to 5.15pm

If you, or someone you know, would like help to learn more about going online or using a computer or mobile device, you can book a free one-hour session with one of our friendly and knowledgeable tech help volunteers. You are not limited to one session if you need more help. Contact Boya Library on 9290 6755 or Mundaring Library on 9290 6780 to book or for more information.

JP Signing Service at Brown Park Community Centre and Libraries

A JP Signing Service now operates from *Brown Park Community Centre* on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12pm. No bookings are necessary.

Remember to bring photo ID, and if your document requires two witnesses, bring someone else with you. The service is voluntary, and it is advisable to call Boya Library on 9290 6755 on the day to confirm the JP's attendance. This great service is the result of a partnership between Shire of Mundaring and the Swan-Midland branch of the Royal Association of Justices WA.

A JP Signing Service is also available at *Boya Library* on Tuesdays from 5.30pm to 6.45pm and at *Mundaring Library* on Thursday mornings from 1pm to 2.30pm.

Embroidery Basics Class with Em Vitetta

(For ages 16+)

Em Vitetta, local embroidery artist, is back with a fantastic workshop on embroidery basics. Over this 2-hour class, you will learn basic stitches that you can utilise in your further practice. This class is ideal for complete beginners, or anyone who wants to sharpen their skills. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Places are $20 each, and all materials and light refreshments will be supplied. Two dates are available for this class (same content each date).

Boya Community Centre:
Monday 13 May, 10am to 12pm – book at
https://130524b.eventbrite.com.au

Wednesday 29 May, 10am to 12pm – book at
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Golden Pen Competition

The Scribblers Golden Pen Competition is open now! This year, the theme is ***Rebels and Dreamers***. Will you create a character who rebels against expectations or stands up for something important? Will you dream up a whole new world? Or will you put yourself in the story?

Whatever Rebels and Dreamers means for you, this is a challenge to be courageous and imagine something new. Fiction, poetry, memoir, comics, graphic novels, picture books and song lyrics are all welcomed. Prizes include book vouchers, cash, workshops and a VIP trip to FORM's Scribblers Family Festival.

The competition is for Western Australian children and young people in Years 4 – 12. Entries are open now and close Monday 26 August 2024.
Visit www.scribblersfestival.com.au/golden-pen to enter.

Better Beginnings Reading Packs

Did you know that you can collect Better Beginnings reading packs for children at the libraries? Shire of Mundaring partners with Better Beginnings, a family literacy program developed by the State Library of Western Australia that supports parents as their child's first teacher. The packs contain books and booklets for parents to use at home. There are three different packs, each for different age groups: babies; toddlers; and kindy kids. The kindy packs are distributed through our visits to schools, however if you home-school, you are welcome to collect a pack from the libraries.

Looking to Join a Book Club?

If you are looking to join a book club, there are vacancies in two of the library book clubs which meet monthly at Boya Library. One club meets on Wednesday morning and the other on Wednesday evening. If you are interested in joining, or would like further details, please call Boya Library on 9290 6755 or email gills@mundaring.wa.gov.au.

Our Libraries Continue to Thrive

We crunched some statistics, and were very pleased to see that we have seen an 8.15% increase in visitors through our doors from January to March this year compared to last year. People use the libraries in all kinds of ways – to study, read the newspaper, attend story and rhyme times and other library programs, get help with tech, use the printer/scanner, use the free Wi-Fi and computers, as well as borrowing items and finding information. It is a place for everyone, or as one of our local residents put it in her winning entry when the new Boya Library opened in 2017, "The libraries are havens of warmth and comfort for the mind and the body as well as a focal point in the community."

Mundaring | Midland Junction Arts Centre

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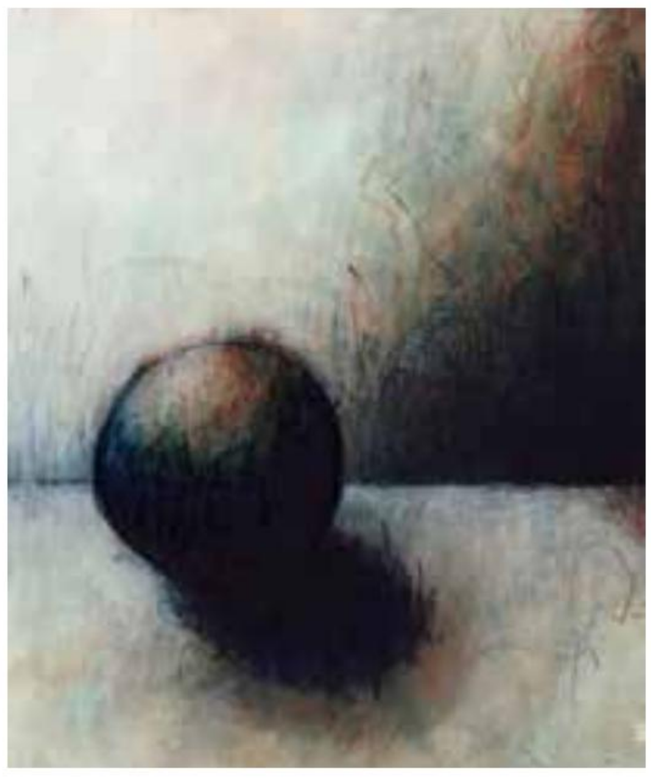
4 May - 30 June 2024

DRAWING SPACE | Suzanne .k. Franklin
An exhibition of works on paper that, by presenting images stripped to a minimal in their representations of subject, explore possibilities of engaging the viewer in a pure emotive experience through texture, colour, and implied space.

MÉLANGE | Underfoot Artists in Residence
The Underfoot artists group work in residence to transform the white box gallery into a landscape inspired by the encounter and exchange of deep time, geological forces, and the Anthropocene, in readiness for their IOTA24 exhibition *Mélange* at MAC in July. These environmentally dedicated slow makers incorporate the languages of fibre, earth, stitch, dye, and ephemeral layers of voice, video, and performance in their practice.

Underfoot artists: Nien Schwarz, Holly Story, Perdita Phillips, Annette Nykiel, Sharyn Egan, Jane Donlin and Nandi Chinna.



Sphere No. 006, Suzanne .k. Franklin, 2023, Inktense on Artistico paper. Image courtesy of the artist.

Coming up:

DRAWING SPACE | Artist's Talk

Join artist Suzanne .k. Franklin as she leads us into her exquisite and complex drawings to explore a pure emotive experience through texture, colour and implied space.

Sun 19 May | 1 - 2.30pm | Suitable for 15 yrs + | $5 | $4.50 MAC Inc. Members

Sun 30 June | 1.30 – 2.30pm | Suitable for 15 yrs + | $5 | $4.50 MAC Inc. Members. To be followed by the MAC Inc. Members AGM at 3pm

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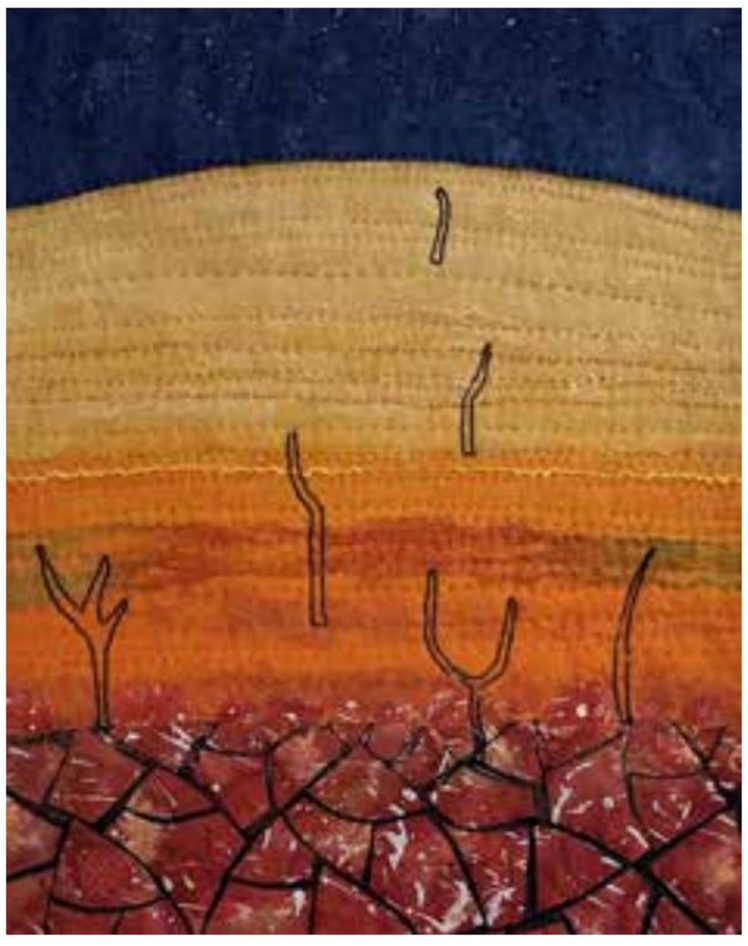

Lake Ballard (detail), Barbara Weeks, 2024, wool-laminated cloth, felted wool, painted silk, wool wadding.
Image courtesy of the artist.

18 May – 14 July 2024

STITCHED and BOUND 2024 | Presented by the Western Australian Quilters Association (WAQA), this biennial juried contemporary quilting exhibition features work that challenges the usual concept of the quilt medium, with Western Australian artists focusing on making personal statements through the use of unconventional materials, techniques and ideas. An artist-in-residence programme is offered in parallel with the exhibition where artists will demonstrate some of their techniques and share their work practice.

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HOSCA

Hey there, Darlington crew! It's time to catch up on all the buzzworthy moments from our neck of the woods at Hosca. Grab a seat and buckle up for a journey through our recent adventures!

First up, we had a visit from the one and only Sally Herzfeld during the April break. And guess who she bumped into? None other than Wayne Stevens, the wordsmith behind "Kalajiku and the Yagalu." The Storytime session was a hit, sparking conversations about culture, family, and the great North. Plus, word on the street is we might be cooking up a musical collab – stay tuned for the beats!

Meanwhile, our little Pokémon enthusiasts have been on a creative spree. Thanks to the guidance of our wonderful educators Regan and Cale, our kiddos have been eagerly mastering the art of Pokémon – from drawing to playing Pokémon Go and even crafting their own Pokéballs and cards. Painting their favourite characters to adorn their walls, and we couldn't be prouder!

We have had lots of conversations of how to "Pay it forward", we have been making some homemade produce and selling it to our families in the hope that the funds we raise will go straight back to members of our community as a random act of kindness. The children have been brainstorming creative ideas of how to share the joy. From putting it in mailboxes (Oscar) ask the mailman to randomly hand it out (Emily) throw it in the air, have a free money booth – maybe at the community garden (Isabella) to putting money in a ziplock bag on people's cars (Emilie), so watch out Darlington as our Hosca children spread their magic.

And let's give a round of applause to Hugo and Ellie, on being first in 2024 to be awarded with their Natures Nurturers certificates. Plus, a huge shoutout to our Coordinator Cathy, who's been

rocking it with us for 25 incredible years! Here's to many more adventures together.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the Atkinson family for their generous donation of not one, but two water tanks. With a rain gauge on the horizon, we're gearing up to learn all about the wonders of water and our precious seasons.

So there you have it, folks—a glimpse into the whirlwind of fun and learning at Hosca. Until next time, keep smiling and spreading those good vibes!

The Darlington Club

Hopefully by the time this article is printed we are having some much needed rain.

The Shire will be painting both halls commencing the 29th April, so we look forward to a fresh and bright new hall. The club needs to move all furniture out prior to this. We will be doing this on April 26th. All the help we can get will be appreciated for moving furniture out and back in again. Please contact us if you can help with the furniture.

We plan to spoil our Mum's for Mother's day and give them a night off cooking. So we are hoping our men show us their cooking skills and cook some amazing dishes, get our drinks and generally whatever we need. SPOIL US!!!

Please ring if you are wanting a Membership forms to join the club. It's a great place to get to know people and make new friends.

For existing members please remember fees are due now, so please pay to the account below with your surname in the reference area.

Looking forward to seeing you all on our Friday nights.

Fees to join are $20 per person or $40 for two or family. Payee The Darlington Club Inc. BSB 633 000, Account 124527748. Reference Surname and Subs.

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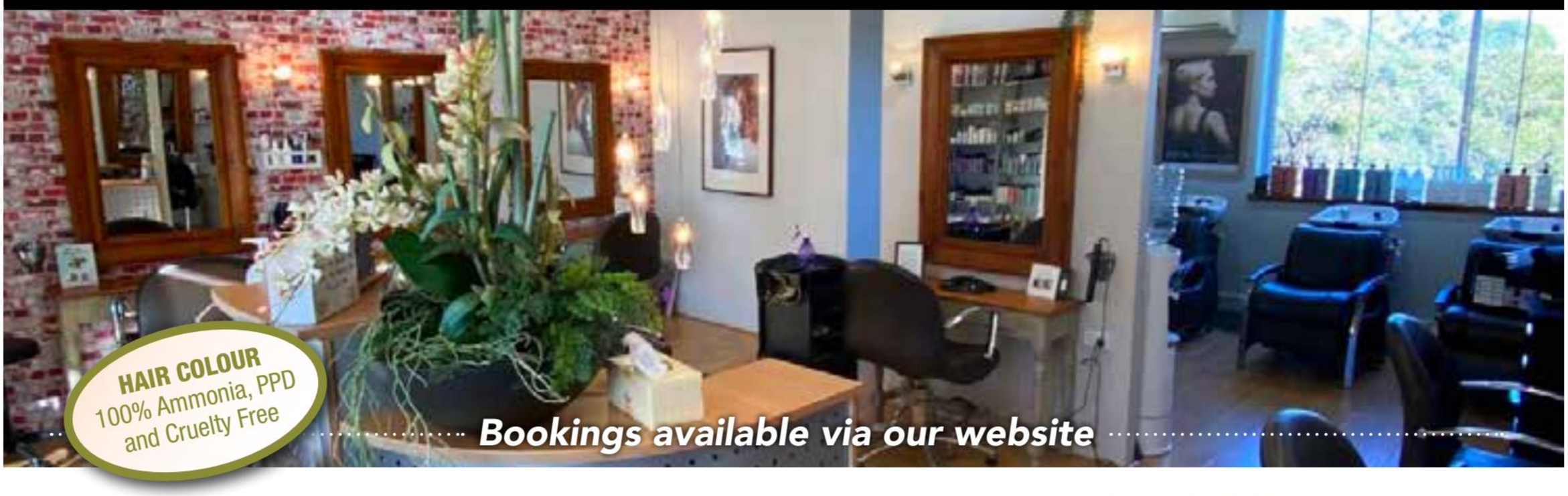

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Marloo Goes Green

Young Frankenstein Set to Thrill and Chill

It's a musical year for the Darlington Theatre Players at Marloo Theatre and after the success of Newsies Jr. the company is set to continue the musical theme of 2024, this time with the dazzling Mel Brookes Musical 'Young Frankenstein'.

The show will be directed by Terence Smith, who has previously and most recently directed 'Spongebob The Musical' for Art In Motion Theatre Company and acted as writer/director for 'Trust Me, It's The End of Our World After All' at the Blue Room Theatre with his own company Beyond The Yard Theatre. 'Young Frankenstein' is a zany, colourful musical which follows The grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced "Fronk-en-steen") who inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked sidekick, Igor (pronounced "Eye-gore"), and a leggy lab assistant, Inga (pronounced normally), Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather's. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds.

Marloo Theatre is no stranger to large scale musicals with the likes of 'Les Miserables', 'Twisted' and 'Newsies' being presented on the Marloo stage over the past several years. So why Young Frankenstein? Smith wanted to present something that would be new to Perth audiences. "I went deep diving into Spotify and each day I would try and find a new musical soundtrack I hadn't listened to yet" he said. "The music from Young Frankenstein is laugh out loud funny and full of good characters. I couldn't stop listening to it" he continued.

Described as a kooky and freaky world, this crazy musical is set to be packed with some of Perth's most electric Musical Theatre talents as part of the cast and creative teams. "We have such a talented cast and crew and rehearsals have been so far an absolute joy to be a part of" Smith continued. "Be excited for a live band (directed by well known Perth Musical Director Tara Oorjitham), hilarious performances with great physical comedy and sublime choreography (created by talented Perth Choreographer Sophie David). It's a treat for all! But perhaps leave the kids at home for this one" he concluded.

The Mel Brookes Musical 'Young Frankenstein'
Marloo Theatre, Greenmount
14th June-29th June 2024
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/CPWJD

Content Warning: This production contains adult themes and coarse language.

Vale Richard Coleman *written by Michael Hart*

The Darlington Theatre Players were saddened last month to learn of the passing of Richard Coleman. Richard first appeared at Darlington Theatre Players in 1976, as Mr Burton, the theatre manager in Phil Harris' production of the one-act play *Harlequinade*, at a dinner show in the Darlington Hall. He had been roped into performing, being Gail Harris' then boyfriend and later husband. Over the next couple of years he appeared in several more shows, as his work allowed time, memorably as Gibbo in *The Front Room Boys* in 1977. For most of the next decade, for work and family reasons, Richard was not able to devote any significant time to theatrical activities.

By 1990, Richard was not travelling nearly so much with his work in the Customs Department, and DTP and Marloo became his new time-filling activity. Initially only on stage, he appeared in 36 productions at Marloo, often in smaller cameo roles, but also taking on major roles, until his retirement from DTP in about 2016. He won the Kay Duncalfe Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role in 2013 for his portrayal of Donny Pratt in Rachel Vonk's production of *The Shifting Heart*.

In this period between 1990 and 2016, Richard worked back-stage on 75 productions. For 26 of these, Richard was credited with the Set Design, on most of the rest for set construction and painting. Some of his significant sets include *South Pacific* (2003), *The Importance of Being Earnest* (2004), *Oliver!* (2006), *Jesus Christ Super Star* (2007), *Peter Pan* (2008), *My Fair Lady* (2010) and set coordination for the joint DTP-Garrick-KADS Shakespeare Festival in 2014 at Marloo.

Richard was also heavily involved with the management of DTP at Marloo during this later period. He was President 3 times totalling 7 years, 6 years as Secretary (3 times), Building Manager for 3 years and Bar Manager for 5 years; altogether continuously on the Executive from 1990-2011. He received DTP's Ray Ward Award for Outstanding Contribution Over the Year on 3 occasions.

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Cub Camp

Cubs had a great time at a weekend camp at Pelican Point, making and sailing rafts, swimming, compass navigating, and making new friends along with other Cubs from the district.

Swantiki

Scouts had a memorable day on the river at Swantiki, working in their group to build a raft, testing and complete a series of activities on the water. Testing knotting skills, teamwork.

Maali Medal

Scouts and Venturers spent a weekend at the Manjedal Activity Centre competing with teams from over the state in scouting skills and teamwork – camping, cooking, bushcraft, first aid, water craft, mountain biking, and adventure challenges by day and by night. So much fun had by all, and our teams were amazing, with 2 of the teams finishing in the top 5!

Rottnest

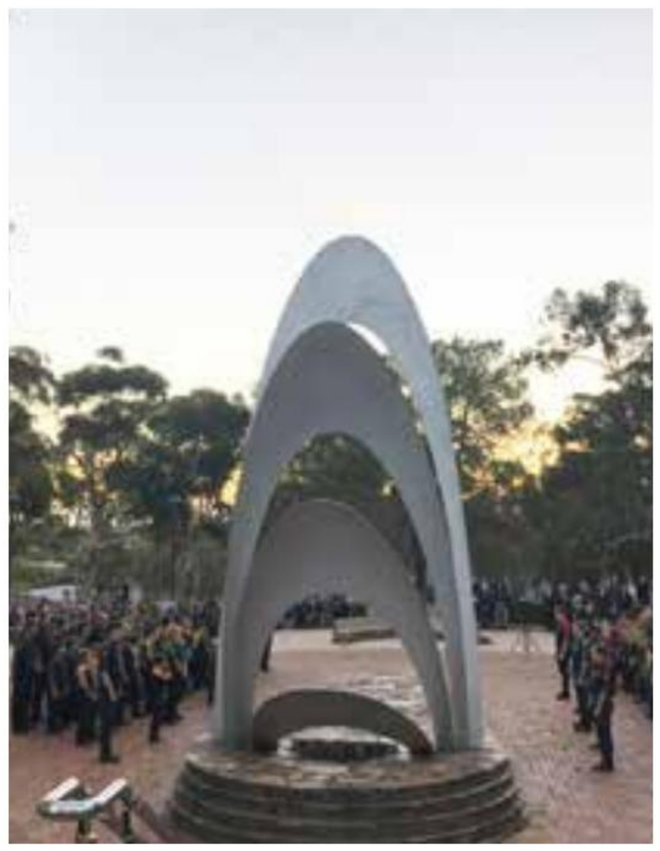
Venturers recently enjoyed a spectacular day on the water at Rottnest, snorkelling, swimming, cycling, and of course a visit to the bakery. These guys don't often complain about being bored!

Raffle Tickets

The group is selling raffle tickets through the Mundaring Community Bank Raffle. Just $5 a ticket, for the chance to win a first prize of $20,000 or 5 x $1000 prizes. If you would like to support us, tickets are available until 5th June.

ANZAC Day Vigil

ANZAC Day is an important part of the Scouts calendar, reminding all of their service and heritage. Darlington Scouts joined other scout groups in the district at the Blackboy Hill Greenmount ANZAC Eve sunset service, where they maintained a roster of overnight shifts to keep vigil at the memorial until the Dawn service.



Darlington Scouts are open to boys and girls, comprising four sections:

• Joey Scouts	(age 5-8)	Monday
• Cub Scouts	(age 8-11)	Wednesday
• Scouts	(age 11-14)	Thursday
• Venturer Scouts	(age 14-18)	Friday

You are welcome to come along for a couple of weeks before making a commitment to join. For information contact **membership@darlingtonscouts.com**, or **www.darlingtonscouts.com** or the **Darlington Scout Group Facebook page**.

Darlington Venturers also have their own Instagram page, so if you are over 14, and interested if what they do, please look them up: **@darlingtonventurers**

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We were very excited to have finished our wildlife pouches for Blue Gum Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Wundowie. The girls worked hard to sew 31 pouches for the centre. We presented them to Sue (the centre's founder) who was very appreciative; "Thankyou to all of the Darlington Girl Guides for your wonderful efforts in sewing her the pouches. They will be very well used by all of the different species of wildlife she rescues."

We were delighted to have the opportunity to visit with some of the members at the Darlington Volunteer Bushfire Brigade for an evening. We learnt about types of fires, their properties, home evacuation plans and the responsibilities the volunteers firefighters had to put them out! The girls found it very informative and had loads of fun taking a tour of the station and trucks. As well as pretending to be firefighters! A huge thankyou to Ricky, Jenny, Allan, Scott and others for being generous with their time for the Girl Guides.

We welcome new girls aged from 7-12 years. We meet at Kathleen Skipsey Hall – on Glen Road, Darlington on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.30pm during the school term. If you have any queries regarding Darlington Dibbler Girl Guides please contact Karen on 0403 233 907 or enquire at Girl Guides WA.

Darlington Primary School

At Darlington Primary School, the importance of family and community is woven into the very fabric of our ethos. One of the ways we honour this commitment is by extending a warm invitation to grandparents to actively participate in our school activities. We recognise that grandparents play a crucial role in a child's life, offering wisdom, support, and love.

We finished the first term with a special incursion from Spare Parts Puppet Theatre who brought their new production of Mem Fox's Classic Book, Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge to the school.

This extra special event invited students' family members who were over 60 to participate in the production. Senior family members become involved in an 'object memory workshop' with the performers before the show began. These objects and memories were then integrated into the performance.

The production told the story of the little boy who lives next door to an Aged Care Home. He is friends with lots of the old people who live there and learns a lot from their wisdom, stories and memories.

The performance was truly heart- warming and the kids loved the interactive component and seeing the grandparents included in the show.

By welcoming grandparents / senior carers into our school community, we not only celebrate the bonds between generations but also enrich the educational experience for our students. Whether it's through storytelling sessions, special events, or simply spending time in the classroom, grandparents bring a unique perspective and a wealth of knowledge that enhances our learning environment. Through this collaborative effort, we create a nurturing space where every member feels valued and supported, ensuring that our school truly feels like an extended family.

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Parkerville Steiner College

Parkerville Steiner College marked the conclusion of Term 1 with the celebration of the new season of Djeran.

Students participated in activities filled with learning, creativity, and unity. The students selected two workshops run by staff which included baking, tiny bookmaking, metalwork, planting, candle making, egg decorating and beading.

The workshop themes were designed to reflect nature's transitions, human striving, and preparation for the changing seasons and the hands-on activities allowed students to create items that were not only artistic but also meaningful.

The weather was glorious, and the morning's creativity was followed by a delicious, shared lunch on the grass outside the school.

Coming together at the end of a term is a wonderful way to connect before students and staff head off for a well-earned break.

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NAVIGATING WELLBEING

Helena College has embarked on a journey toward cultivating a flourishing community at our Senior School Campus in Glen Forrest. This new initiative will deliver wide-ranging and long-lasting benefits to students as the College introduces a brand-new student wellbeing program guided by the PERMAH framework.

The PERMAH framework, a unique acronym derived from Positive Emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, Accomplishment, and Health, encapsulates the essential elements that contribute to a fulfilling and purposeful life.

Peter Coombs, the College Principal, said, “Our wellbeing program is not about trying to get better grades, it’s not about introducing new clubs or activities, it’s not about keeping the school clean or introducing more rules that students need to follow. It’s about our students. About them building resilience and navigating the ups and downs of life.”

The program aims to help students be themselves and cultivate strong relationships with friends, family, and those who support them. These connections are a fundamental aspect of wellness and can significantly contribute to your happiness and sense of belonging.

Helena College continues to be a school where all students flourish, both academically and personally. These two things do go together. We know that students will perform better as learners when they enjoy coming to school and love learning. The key to this is having a positive mindset and wellness. The program is designed to empower each student with strategies for managing their wellness and being the best version of themselves.

If you would like to know more about Helena College, we encourage you to come along on a tour of the school. We firmly believe that the best way to get to know us is to explore our College on a normal school day. You’ll see classes in action and hear from students and staff about what makes Helena a special place to learn and grow. Find out more on our website.

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KEY FINDINGS | 21 MARCH 2024

Treetops was recently invited to join the Independent Schools Australia (ISA) roundtable with the Education Minister, Jason Clare MP, to showcase how independent schools are contributing to education reform, providing a platform for sharing innovative practices.

Treetops' School Principal (Stuart Harris) and Head of Primary/ Wellbeing Coordinator (Sharon Crossman) flew to Canberra in March to attend and share our school's unique approach and vision to education and wellbeing.

The Australian Governments are now working on the National School Reform Agreement for 2025, focusing on equity, wellbeing, and workforce in education.

Independent Schools Australia backs national policies to improve outcomes for all students, emphasising the strengths and innovations of independent schools.

Stuart and Sharon discussed Treetops' customised teaching methodologies, incorporating a blend of direct instruction, contemporary inquiry-based learning, and Montessori work cycles. These approaches foster student engagement and cultivate a sense of ownership over their learning experiences.

Stuart and Sharon highlighted Treetops' accomplishment in cultivating an environment where obstacles to learning within the school are minimised, and where the wellbeing of both students and staff is prioritised. This emphasis on wellbeing lies at the core of Treetops' success.

Furthermore, Treetops School has placed a strong focus on removing bureaucratic obstacles, allowing teachers to fully commit themselves to the teaching process and recognise and adapt to our students' learning styles, with a strong learning support program to assist.

As a small independent school, we are privileged to receive this national recognition that reflects positively and accurately on the school's dedication to its students' overall wellbeing, development, and success.

CASE STUDY 2

FEELING VALUED AND SEEN - TREETOPS MONTESSORI SCHOOL, PERTH HILLS, WA

Presenters: Stuart Harris & Sharon Crossman

Treetops Montessori School's blend of Montessori and International Baccalaureate pedagogies exemplifies an innovative approach to wellbeing and education.

With mixed year levels fostering a non-comparative and non-competitive focus, the school tailors learning to each student's individual needs. In doing so, they have created a strong sense of community and student-centred education approach.

The school's flexible and responsive education model prioritises wellbeing and individualised learning.

Their success in creating a nurturing and empowering environment offers valuable insight in scalable practices for student and educator wellbeing.

UNIFIED VISION
The school's individualised learning and wellbeing focus echos the unified vision for well-rounded educational reform shared by all participants of the roundtable.

DRIVEN BY INNOVATION
Integrating Montessori and IB pedagogies, tailored to individual student needs, highlights the innovative and student-centred education model of Treetops Montessori. They show how innovative practices can drive positive change in wellbeing and learning outcomes.

COLLABORATION
Their approach to education and wellbeing illustrates the potential for schools to share and adapt practices that prioritises student wellbeing.

RESPONSIVE ADAPTATION
The school's flexible educational philosophy demonstrates a powerful model of responsive adaptation with student wellbeing and individual needs guiding teaching practices.

PREPARING THE INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Silver Tree Steiner School

Silver Tree Steiner School's Easter Djeran Festival, held at the end of Term 1 is always a bright celebration of joyous colour, heartfelt generosity, creativity and fun.

The morning commenced with an endearing story, told to all the primary school children, by our Class 1 storytelling master Nikki Brooks, about a little bilby and his kind deeds. The children were completely enraptured by this gorgeous tale of great sacrifice and care. The rest of the day unfolded with treasure hunts, hot cross bun baking, crafting, and stories for all the children. After enjoying a picnic lunch, a chorus of beautiful singing rang out over the school, when the Silver Tree Choir, led by our amazing Music Teacher Karolina Pawlowski, shared their beautiful harmonies with us all.

Another special tradition we have here at Silver Tree as part of our Easter Djeran Festival is the creation of a beautiful fruit and vegetable mandala, which is made with donated items from our families and crafted with care throughout the festival day by the children. The finished product is always spectacular!

At the end of the day, all the fruit and vegetables that were used to create the mandala, were boxed up and donated to two charities, Feed It Forward in Greenmount and Midland Meals.

Please enjoy some photos of our special Easter Djeran Festival.

Darlington Community Garden (DCG)

In and around the Darlington Community Garden

April ushers in the Noongar season of Djeran which in western culture is known as Autumn. In the Noongar culture, this season is known as the season of adulthood. The weather becomes cooler as the Earth prepares for the quenching rains to wet her boodja (land) and awaken country into life. Djeran brings cooling winds from the south-west and the cooling process the land undergoes brings fertility and an abundance of food.

As we entered the refreshing season of Djeran, the Darlington Community Garden (DCG) held our first Nature Play Day for the year. It was a huge success with 50 plus children attending with their respective parents or guardians. Our beautiful children had so much fun playing in the mud with Alison Atkinson; in fact, I'm not sure who had more fun? They potted up seedlings and took them home to plant them in their gardens. I noticed that the craft area was busy with little hands producing wonderful creations.

When you walk through the community garden will notice our beautiful Peace Pole proudly standing and reminding us to always seek the path least trodden, the path of the heart. The children of Darlington and the DCG members with guidance from our elder, Saly Herzfeld painted the Peace Pole and the text on the pole was written by William Herren. Please take the time to enjoy the gift from our children which is our Peace Pole and all that it symbolises. We are grateful to all the children, parents, grandparents and teachers who worked with Sally to bring this project to fruition.

On the day of a Nature Play Day, Sally ended the day by gathering everyone around the Peace Pole and we danced. Such a lovely way to end what was a perfect day. Our gratitude goes to Kate Herren for organising yet another fantastic event for our children.

In the garden we are busy preparing garden beds to plant our vegetable seeds and seedling in. It's time for garlic and all garlic should be in the ground by the end of April. This is also the season for all the lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Asian greens, silverbeet, chard, beetroot, carrots, radish, parsnips, turnips, potatoes, sweet potato, celery, onions, beans, coriander, parsley, dill, sage, thyme. What will you plant in your garden?

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What does Resilience Look Like?

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The Faraway Tree(so called by many who know her) on Nyaania Creek near the waterfall on the HeritageTrail

We look at the parts of the Reserve that are driest and hottest and those where there is more shade everyday. We wonder if, even after some winter rain, some of these species will never make it in the longer term and what we should replace them with. The Australian landscape has seen changes aplenty as climate has changed over the millenia and has adapted to those changes but we are seeing something different now and with alarming speed, and it remains to be seen how resilient our beautiful country really is. I doubt that some areas will cope as well as others but I am convinced that, if we are sensitive to the needs of Country, we will see something different but beautiful emerge.

I hope you will adopt a positive approach to what changes you might need to implement in your gardens. Happy Autumn gardening.

This very old Wandoo has died and come back many times it seems. To me it is the epitome of what resilience might look like.

Here on the Darlington Station Reserve we have resumed our fortnightly working Sunday mornings. There is much clearing of fallen branches, leaves and other debris to be dealt with and many fellow workers to be greeted after the summer break. Walking around and looking at the toll the long hot dry summer has taken prompted the title of this month's notes. We will assess, seek advice, observe here and in currently drier hotter anreas and then launch into winter planting with all the hope and enthusiasm of committed gardeners. Things might have to change but we will prevail.

if you have been thinking of joining our small Friends group, just look at our morning tea as baked by Susie in April. Do come and join us from 8am to 10am every 2nd Sunday; in May we meet on 5th and 19th.

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